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### **HOUSE APPROVES PARENTAL NOTIFICATION LEGISLATION**

TALLAHASSEE – The Florida House of Representatives today approved legislation that, if also approved by the Florida Senate, would place a constitutional amendment on the November ballot concerning parental notification of a minor’s intent to have an abortion.

“This is a common sense measure that protects the safety of minor children,” said House Speaker Johnnie Byrd, a sponsor of the initiative. “Florida’s families should be empowered by our public policies and action taken today by the House supports that principle.”

House Joint Resolution (HJR) 1 would place a constitutional amendment before Florida voters in November which, in turn, would authorize the Legislature to enact parental notification laws in cases of minor children’s abortions. It passed by a vote of 93 to 25.

“This is a straight-forward initiative that speaks to the heart of the issue,” said Representative Sandra Murman (R-Tampa). “Parents need to know what’s happening in their minor children’s lives. HJR 1 helps get us to that goal.”

HJR 1 now goes to the Florida Senate for consideration.

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